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Re: Paul Kelley d/b/a American Teltronix
REQUEST FOR RULE WAIVER

To Whom It May Concern:

1270 Fairfield Road

Pursuant to Section 90.151 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") Rules and Regulations, Paul Kelley d/b/a American Teltronix, ("Amtel") respectfully requests a waiver of Section 90.495(a)(1) to obtain exclusive use of its constructed and operational Private Carrier Paging ("PCP") frequency 929.4625 MHz at seven of its authorized locations.

In its recent <u>Report and Order</u>, the Commission amended its rules governing private paging service in the 929-930 MHz band to grant channel exclusivity to qualified local, regional and national private paging systems. With respect to local systems, the FCC adopted provisions to grant local exclusivity to all 900 MHz private paging systems comprised of at least six contiguous transmitters, except in the three largest metropolitan markets, where a larger number of transmitters would be required. The rules provide that a transmitter will be considered contiguous if: 1) it is within twenty-five miles of at least one other transmitter in the system; and, 2) it is not co-located with another transmitter being counted toward the minimum on the same frequency. Amtel

Report and Order, Amendment of the Commission's Rules To Provide Channel Exclusivity To Qualified Private Paging Systems At 929-930 MHz, PR Docket No.93-35, \_\_ FCC 2d \_\_\_ (1993).

requests a waiver of Section 90.495(a)(1) based on the following information.

In its Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the FCC acknowledged the problems that have developed with shared frequencies in the PCP industry and recognized the potential benefits from granting some form of channel exclusivity to PCP systems. Shared use of channels has discouraged efficient use of spectrum by imposing burdensome costs such as monitoring equipment and has degraded service through problems such as message delays which are often caused by co-channel systems. The Commission concluded that granting exclusivity to qualified licensees will eliminate many of the inefficiencies in the PCP market. As an established operator in the that market, Amtel is committed to providing high quality paging services. Grant of the instant waiver request will ensure that Amtel can continue to provide efficient PCP service.

Amtel has operated a private carrier paging system since 1989. It currently serves approximately 2000 customers throughout eastern Pennsylvania. The system is composed of eleven transmitter sites serving all of the major transportation corridors and metropolitan areas of the region.

Amtel requests exclusive use of its licensed private carrier paging frequency, 929.4625 MHz, at seven of its constructed and operational, contiguous sites. Those seven sites are: Sybertsville, Mountaintop, Ransome, Stroudsburg, Allentown, (all licensed to WNQQ423) Dreher Township and Palmerton (both licensed to WNVW982) (See attached license copies). Amtel's system provides seamless coverage throughout eastern Pennsylvania. Its customers require communications capability along the heavily-travelled northeastern extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and throughout the metropolitan Allentown, Hazelton, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton areas. Amtel's long-established presence in the industry and its contiguous, overlapping seamless coverage have enabled it to provide a substantial number of subscribers with an attractive service.

As the attached map (Exhibit 1) indicates, each of the sites for which Amtel requests exclusivity is within twenty-five miles of at least one other transmitter in the system, and none of the sites are co-located with another transmitter. However, the distance between Amtel's Stroudsburg and Palmerton locations exceeds the prescribed distance separation by slightly more than one mile. Amtel requests that the FCC waive its requirement in view of this de minimis deviation from the prescribed rule for the reasons described below.

Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PR Docket No. 93-35, 8 FCC Rcd 2227 (1993). ("Notice").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 90.495(a)(1).

In defining the required number of transmitters needed to apply for exclusivity and the proximity within which they must operate, the Commission's goal was to ensure adequate coverage to the proposed market and to minimize the risk of speculation. The twenty-five mile maximum distance separation between transmitter sites was intended to be compatible with current PCP technical standards and eliminate signal overlap for high-power operations.

Amtel's system comports with the intent, if not the precise mileage criteria, of the local exclusivity definition. Its system was designed to satisfy the needs of its customers while taking into account the unique topography of the area. The Palmerton and Allentown sites are both situated on mountaintops with ground elevations in excess of 1000 feet. Thus, it was not necessary to locate the transmitters closer to ensure seamless coverage. fact, almost all of Amtel's sites are located within the various mountain ranges of northeastern Pennsylvania. This limits, somewhat, the flexibility of site selection. Unlike the multitude of building and tower options typical of urban areas, only certain sections of mountaintops are developed. It is not always possible to place a transmitter at a specific distance from the next facility. Moreover, doing so could place the station at a less optimal site on the mountain, with a resulting distorted coverage pattern.

Amtel did not design its system to meet the criterion announced in the instant proceeding. Once the new rules were adopted, Amtel could have licensed an unnecessary and uneconomic "fill-in" site between Palmerton and Stroudsburg. It would not have improved coverage or benefited customers, yet, that site would have made its system eligible for exclusivity. However, Amtel has spent many years and invested considerable funds to create an efficient, high-quality PCP system. Management utilized mountaintop transmitter sites to provide optimal coverage for subscribers and its system reflects those interests of spectral efficiency and contiguous coverage.

Should the Commission determine that Amtel must construct a "fill-in" transmitter between the two sites to obtain exclusivity, Amtel would do so. However, as explained herein, the site would provide duplicative coverage and defeat the FCC's goals of promoting efficiency in the PCP market. If a transmitter situated between Palmerton and Stroudsburg would have enhanced system coverage, it would have been constructed years ago.

As an experienced operator in the PCP industry, Amtel applauds the FCC's recent efforts to promote the efficient development and use of PCP spectrum. The private paging market has changed dramatically since the Commission allocated 929-930 MHz in 1982.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See, Notice at para. 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>Id</u>.

Private paging services are increasingly offered on a wide-scale basis through regional and nationwide systems while the local systems have kept struggled to keep pace with that recent expansion and increased demand for their services. Amtel respectfully requests a waiver of Section 90.495(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations to obtain exclusive use of its PCP frequency in order to meet the needs of its current and future customers.

Should NABER or the FCC have any questions or need additional information, it can contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth R. Sachs Bob J. Goldberg

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American Teltronix 929.4625 Mhz Stations Call Sign:

Federal Communications Commission Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245

#### RADIO STATION LICENSE

Licensee Name: KELLEY, PAUL

DBA AMERICAN TELTRONIX

Madio Service: GS PRIVATE CARRIER PAGING

File Number: 9204581028

License Issue Date: 920518

License Expiration Date: 970518

WNVW982 Frequency Advisory No: 920800313

Number of Mobiles by Category: Vehicular - \*\*\*\*\* Portable - \*\*\*\*\*\*Aircraft - \*\*\*\*\*Marine - \*\*\*\*\*Pagers \*\* 2500\*

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Federal Communications Commission Gettysburg, PA 17328-7245

## RADIO STATION LICENSE

Licensee Name: KELLEY, PAUL

DBA AMERICAN TELTRONIX

Radio Service: GS PRIVATE CARRIER PAGING

Call Sign: WNQQ243

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License Issue Date: 891108

License Expiration Date: 941108

Frequency Advisory No: 890580275

Number of Mobiles by Category: Vehicular - \*\*\*\*

Portable -\*\*\*\*Aircraft - \*\*\*\*\*Marine - \*\*\*\*\*Pagers \*\*2500\*

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#### RADIO STATION LICENSE

Licensee Name: KELLEY, PAUL

DBA AMERICAN TELTRONIX

Radio Service: GS PRIVATE CARRIER PAGING

License Issue Date: 910802

Call Sign: WNVN574

File Number: 9105544152

License Expiration Date: 960802

Frequency Advisory No: 911350074

Number of Mobiles by Category: Vehicular - \*\*\*\*\* Portable -\*\*\*\*Aircraft - \*\*\*\*\*Marine - \*\*\*\*\*Pagers \*\*2500\*

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